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Production and Perception of Mandarin Focus Prosody

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Abstract

In addition to deciding what to say, interlocutors have to decide how to say it. One of the important tasks of linguists is to model how differences in acoustic properties influence the interpretation of a sentence. In this talk, I present studies that make use of experiments of speech production and perception to investigate how expressions related to specific information packaging, such as information focus, are processed by native speakers and learners of Mandarin. Special attention will be paid to the sequence of “numeral-classifier-noun” in Mandarin, which consists of closely related morphosyntactic units internally, and provides a phonetically controlled environment comparable to previous phonetic studies on focus prominence at the word level.

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All are Welcome

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